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2. At 0700 on 26 September, a shipment of 9 AA guns, 37 trucks and 1 armored personnel carrier was entrained at the Wittstock railroad station and left toward Pritzwalk at noon. 25X1
3. At 1700 on 26 September, a shipment of 9 T-34/85 tanks 12 armored scout cars 12 trucks and 5 boxcarsloads of soldiers passed through Wittstock. The train came from the direction of Dranse and proceeded toward Pritzwalk.¹ 25X1
4. Between 19 and 27 September, both, the infantry and the artillery section of the Flak Kaserne (5641) in Wismar were heavily occupied. On 27 September, the installation was fully lighted at dusk.² 25X1
5. At 0100 on 28 September, a train of 20 flatcars and a shunting engine was seen at the Fuerstenberg/Havel railroad station. It carried 15 tanks, and 6 trucks. Most of the tanks were JS-2 or JS-3 tanks. The engine was headed toward the north.³ 25X1
6. On 22 September, approximately 100 tanks, predominantly T-34s, were seen in an assembly area between Binenwalde and Zuehlen, east of the Wittstock training grounds. At about 1000, the tanks attacked toward west in two waves. The majority of the tanks belonged to the first wave. About half an hour before the attack started, bombs of various calibers were dropped over the Duenamuende area which was subsequently passed through. At about 1100, the exercise terminated. Upon completion of the exercise, the majority of the tanks left toward Altruppin. T-34 tanks 25X1

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2. Comment. Between 24 and 26 September, major elements of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div left the Schwerin and Hagenow posts in order to participate in the exercises of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps.

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